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1. STOCKHOLM'S INDEPENDENT LIBERAL DAGENS NYHETER COMMENTS MAY 22:

2. "THE BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THE FIRST SALT-CONTACT BETWEEN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOVIET LEADERS IN MOSCOW AT THE END OF MARCH WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT AS DISASTROUS AS SOME HAS MAINTAINED. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET NO WAS AN UNCERTAINTY IN THE FACE OF AN ALL TOO EXTENSIVE AMERICAN PROPOSAL RATHER THAN A LACK OF WILL TO NEGOTIATE BECAUSE OF CARTER'S STATEMENTS ABOUT DISSIDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE REST OF EAST EUROPE."

3. "BOTH SUPERPOWERS ARE NOW BACK IN CUSTOMARY TENACIOUS BARGINING. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JIMMY CARTER NEVER REALLY EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD GO IN ANY OTHER WAY. THE FIRST GRANDIOSE NEGOTIATION MESSAGE WAS PERHAPS MOSTLY AN EXPRESSION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT'S TACTICS TO CREATE INTEREST IN THE QUESTION THROUGH DRAMATIC PRONOUNCEMENTS. BUT THOSE
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WHO HAVE HOPES ABOUT AN ENTIRELY NEW VIEW OF DISARMAMENT AND THE BANNING OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AMONG THE WORLD'S LEADERS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED."

4. MODERATE SVENSKA DAGBLADET MAY 22: "EVEN IF VANCE (AFTER THE COMMUNIQUE) EXPLAINED THAT SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION REMAINS TO BE BRIDGED, THE ATMOSPHERE HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN COMPLETELY

DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS IN MOSCOW."

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